

**MINUTES OF THE LOWER SAN PITCH RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM  
ANNUAL WATER USERS MEETING**

January 15, 1997  
Sanpete County Courthouse  
County Commission Chambers

**ATTENDING**

Lowell R. Anderson  
Richard V. Nielson  
Bobbie Sorenson  
Mardell Jensen  
Sherwin Sorensen  
Juel B. Rasmussen  
Jason Buck  
David Cox  
Roland J. Beck  
Eugene Jensen  
Mardell Jensen  
Douglas Willden  
John S. Larsen  
Lee Sim  
Kirk Forbush  
Gertrudys Adkins

**REPRESENTING**

River Commissioner  
Sanpitch River Drainage Dist.  
Gunnison-Fayette Canal  
Gunnison Irrigation  
Gunnison-Fayette Canal  
Manti Sanpitch Drainage  
Water User  
Sanpitch River Drainage Dist.  
Gunnison Irrigation Co.  
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Gunnison Irrigation Co.  
Mayfield Irrigation Co.  
Division of Water Rights  
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The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m by chairman David Cox who was conducting the meeting. The minutes of the previous year's meeting were read by Kirk Forbush. A correction was made in paragraph three of the minutes to read "Gunnison Reservoir is presently flowing 60 to 70 cfs over the spillway.", to replace, "Gunnison Reservoir is presently 60-70 feet over the spillway." A motion was made to accept the corrected minutes by Eugene Jensen, seconded by Richard Nielson, all approved.

Lee Sim then read the financial statement for 1996. The amount expended for each line item of the budget was reviewed. Mardell Jensen made a motion to accept the financial statement as read. Doug Willden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lowell Anderson then gave his commissioner's report. Lowell mentioned the snowpack in 1996 was considerably less than in 1995 but greater than 1994. All streams in the system had good runoff but were slower reaching the valley than in 1995. Gunnison Reservoir filled early but due to the nature of the runoff, releases began in early April. Some of the users without benefit of storage had crops stressed until rains came in the latter part of August and early September. Overall, the year went pretty well.

He mentioned some items needing attention on the system. The Sanpitch recording station has been badly vandalized and the roof is leaking. On the Gunnison Reservoir, there is backup of the water on the gage so readings are incorrect. The recorder immediately below Gunnison Reservoir is accurate only to 70 cfs. Flows over that cannot be read accurately. A request for station installation was made for Twelve Mile Creek in 1996 meeting. It still is not installed. Lowell indicates he will contact Frandsen - Noble about possible installation. He also mentioned the recorders work well when flows get low. He uses the splitter at the mouth of Twelve Mile Canyon to divide the water to the Mayfield users in the Valley. A motion was made by Eugene Jensen to remove the recorder below Gunnison Reservoir, seconded by Mardell Jensen, all approved.

Eugene Jensen also suggested a measuring device be installed down from the Old Field diversion to measure flows on the San Pitch River. The commissioner has a recorder that could be used but a house needs to be installed. He suggested that the Conservancy District be contacted to see if they could assist in installing one. A motion was then made by Richard Nielson to accept the report, seconded by Juel Rasmussen. All approved.

Lee Sim then discussed the budget and assessment for the upcoming year. The budget for the year was set at \$12,900.00 and the assessment at \$12,900.00. A motion was made by Mardell Jensen, seconded by Eugene Jensen to accept the budget and assessment as discussed. The voting was unanimous.

Kirk Forbush then mentioned that the State Engineer's office is looking for input from the water users on the Sevier River drainage area concerning policy on ground water applications to appropriate water for domestic and stock watering use. A meeting is to be held March 20, 1997 to obtain input from the water users as to what policies should be implemented concerning the ground water.

The system directors were then reviewed and a motion by Richard Nielson to have the directors remain the same was made, seconded by Sherwin Sorenson, all in favor.

There being no other items of business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.